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Report Highlights:

On August 10, 2015, India notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) a draft regulation which updates India's labeling requirements for the content of trans-fat in packaged food products. The deadline to provide comments is October 9, 2015.

General Information:

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The GOI's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the <u>Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011</u>, to update labeling requirements pertaining to declarations of trans-fat contents in packaged food products. On August 10, 2015, India notified this draft regulation (2.2 and 2.4) to the WTO for comments (WTO Notification Number: TBT/N/IND/49). The deadline to provide comments is October 9, 2015.

For more details on the draft regulation, please refer to GAIN report <u>IN5092</u>. The full text of the notification is available online at http://www.fssai.gov.in/ or on the <u>WTO</u> website.

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Final details on the draft regulations:

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Date of Implementation: To be determined WTO Notification Number: TBT/N/IND/49 WTO Notification Date: August 10, 2015 Final date for comments: October 9, 2015 Products affected: All packaged food products